The value of XM Satellite Radio far exceeds the entertainment element. Weather and traffic information is invaluable. In the past two months, this feature has allowed me to avoid dangerous road conditions in the Washington, D.C. area, and Chicago Metro area on several occassions.

Programming alternatives provide an extensive list of selections for current news, both domestic and international, not available from any other radio broadcasting source.

The most overlooked advantage of XM Satellite Radio, and possibly the most important, is the continuous broadcast signal which allows uninterrupted programming regardless of location. For weather and traffic information, this is especially critical.